

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board.

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District library.

Members present:	Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Interim Supt/HS Principal Vicki Phillips JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Assistant Principal Casey Welscher Secretary Ashley Davis
Community members present:	Clinton Belville, Katlyn Belville, Staci McCombs, Curtis Dean, Mandy Friedrich, Phillip Scrogum

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

No additions or deletions

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes of the previous meeting held in January, bills and payroll as presented. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens and Cameron voted aye. Motion Passed

Lily Lehman, daughter of, Alicia Lehman was recognized as the High School Student of the Month. Lily talked about the activities she has been involved in and her future plans.

Audience to visitors. Each speaker is allowed up to 5 minutes to address the Board. The following persons signed up to address the Board to speak:

Phillip Scrogum spoke on concerns regarding the lack of quality buses in the school district bus fleet. He provided examples of specific concerns and encouraged the BOE to consider replacing some of the buses.

Correspondence:

* IHSA Football Proposal Passes, 2026 Practices to begin August 5th.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion of Administrative Team for 2026-27 school year.

Review of proposals received for Auditors for Astoria CUSD #1 for 2026-2028 fiscal years.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Musson to approve the school credit card for Vicki Phillips. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather to discontinue Dr. Tori Lindeman access to Better Banks and Ipava State Bank accounts. Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by France, seconded by Stevens to approve Vicki Phillips access to Better Banks and Ipava State Bank school accounts. Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal/Superintendent report from Vicki Phillips included:

- I've enjoyed my start here at Astoria Schools. Everyone is friendly and welcoming.
- FFA week is February 23rd- 27th.

The Principal report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Progress reports went out for the 3rd quarter.
- Spelling Bee is February 19th. The winner will advance to the Peoria Spelling Bee on March 28th.
- Fine Arts week is March 9th- March 12th.
- JHVB regular season is ending with 8th Grade night on Monday February 23rd.
- March 12th is the end of the 3rd quarter.

The Assistant Principal report from Mrs. Welscher included:

- Abby Beck with the ROE wrapped up the Environmental Assessment. I'm looking forward to sitting down and discussing the next steps with her.
- Several of our High School students attended Teacher Club at WIU with Mrs. Carithers and Mrs. Dean.

The Motion by Musson seconded by Cameron, to go into closed session at 6:57 p.m. for the following purposes:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees,

Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to adjourn the closed session at 8:11 p.m. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens and Cameron, voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron to approve the minutes of the closed session. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, and Stevens, voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to approve the senior trip Friday May 8th to Wisconsin Dells. Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather seconded by Skiles to table the motion of approval of Auditor Firm for 2026-2028 school/fiscal year. Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson and Stevens voted aye.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Easley, to advertise and receive applications for JR High/HS Principal for 2026-2027 school year. Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather to accept, with regrets the letter of retirement of Bobette Massaglia as Tech Coordinator/Library Media Specialist. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather to accept, with regrets the resignation on Carrie Hollenback as the sixth and sevens grade language arts teacher; math enrichment teacher; and STEAM lab after school program facilitator. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles, to accept, with regrets the retirement of Georgiana Clemens as head Custodian. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Prather to approve the 2026/2027 school calendar. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Musson, to approve Jonathan Gorsuch, Drew Folgesong, Becca Foglesong, Merissa Riadi, Dave Crouse, Kurt Chenoweth, Sadi Wilson, Lynde France, Matthew Klaska, Brett Foglesong, Adam Mercer, and Kyle Phipps and High School and or Jr High Track volunteers. Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson, to approve Frank Clark, Danny Chenoweth, Matt Miller, Braxton France, Evan Miller, Noah Gorsuch, Landon McCombs, Grayson Spires, Todd Stambaugh, and Dennis Belville for fishing team boat captains. Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather voted aye. Stevens voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens seconded by Musson, to approve the Transportation Handbook. Camerson, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather seconded by Skiles, to approve Kiera Taylor as volunteer of the Drama/Play. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th, at 7 p.m.